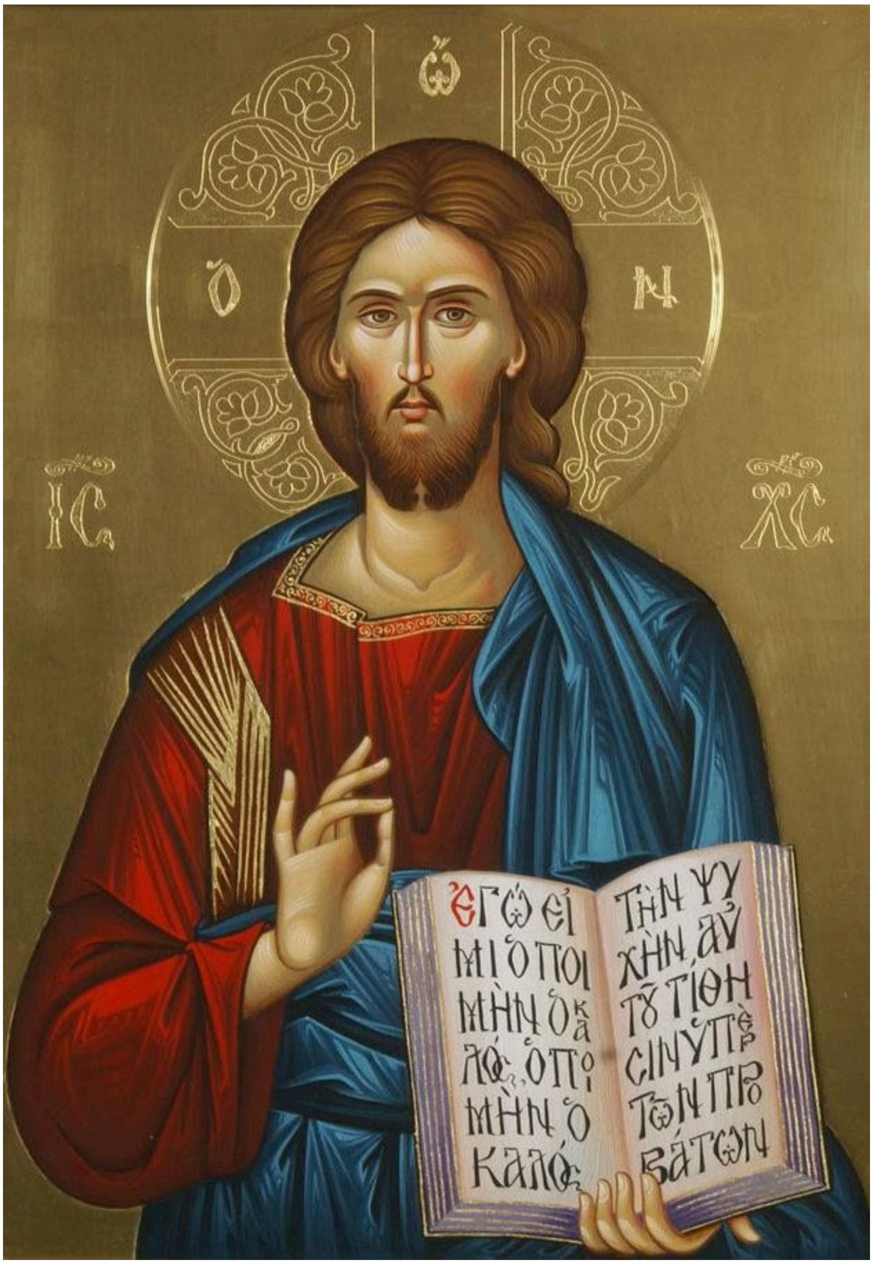
The Service of Great Compline



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Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory be to You, our God, glory be to You.

O Heavenly King, Comforter and Spirit of Truth, You that are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: come to dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious One.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, our Lord, and our God. *(Short Prostration)*

Psalm 4

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood? But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, “who will show us any good?” Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 6

O Lord do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chasten me in your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O Lord how long? Return, O Lord, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give you thanks? I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication; The Lord will receive my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 12

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me. Look upon me O Lord my God and answer me; lighten my eyes lest I sleep in death; Lest my enemy says: I have prevailed against him."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (x3)

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 24

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore, He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins. Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles!

Psalm 30

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defence to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the Lord. I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; My eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my body! For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; My strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. I am a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and am repulsive to my acquaintances; Those who see me outside flee from me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. For I hear the slander of many; Fear is on every side; While they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life. But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake. Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You; Let the wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the Lord,

For He has shown me His marvellous kindness in a strong city! For I said in my haste, “I am cut off from before Your eyes”; Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You. Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 90

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. “Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (x3)

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

God is with us in Tone Six

God is with us, understand all you nations and surrender: **For God is with us.**

Hear, even to the ends of the earth: **For God is with us.**

You mighty ones, be overthrown: **For God is with us.**

For even if you rise again, you shall be overthrown: **For God is with us.**

And every counsel you take, the Lord shall destroy: **For God is with us.**

And every word you shall speak shall not abide in you: **For God is with us.**

For your aggression we do not fear, nor are we shaken by: **For God is with us.**

And the Lord our God, Him we will sanctify, and He shall be our fear: **For God is with us.**

And as I put my trust in Him, He shall be my sanctification: **For God is with us.**

I will set my hope on Him, and by Him I shall be saved: **For God is with us.**

Here am I and the children whom God has given me: **For God is with us.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: **For God is with us.**

And those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined: **For God is with us.**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: **For God is with us.**

And His government shall be upon His shoulder: **For God is with us.**

And of His peace there will be no end: **For God is with us.**

And His name will be called the Messenger of the Great Opinion: **For God is with us.**

Wonderful, Counsellor: **For God is with us.**

Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace: **For God is with us.**

Father of the world to come: **For God is with us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **For God is with us.**

Both Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. **For God is with us.**

God is with us, understand all you nations and surrender: **For God is with us.**

Troparia in Tone Six

Having passed this day, I thank You, Lord; and ask you to grant me, Saviour, to spend this evening and the rest of the night without sin; and to save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Having passed this day, I glorify You, Master; and ask You, O Saviour, to grant me this evening and the rest of the night without doubts and to save me.

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Having passed this day, I praise You, Holy One; and ask You, Saviour, to grant me to be unassailed this evening, and the rest of the night, and to save me.

Verses in Tone Six

The bodiless powers of the Cherubim glorify You in perpetual praise.

The six-winged Seraphim exalt You with perpetual voices.

And all the hosts of Angels praise You with thrice-holy Alleluia.

For before all You are the eternal Father; together with Your Son, Who, like You, is without beginning.

And as You are the bearer of the Spirit of Life, equal to You in honour, you reveal that the Trinity is not divided.

O Virgin, the most holy Mother of God, and you eye witnesses of the Word and His ministers.

O all You ranks of the Prophets and Martyrs, since yours is the life immortal.

Intercede zealously for us all, for we are in distress:

That being delivered from the deceits of the evil one, we cry out the praise of the Angels, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy! O thrice-sanctified Lord have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

The Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Him all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. And He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered and was buried.

And He rose on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets.

And in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Intercession verses in Tone Six

O all-holy Birth-Giver of God intercede for us sinners. (x3)

O all you power of the Heavenly Angels and holy Archangels, intercede for us sinners. (x2)

O John, the holy Prophet, the Forerunner and Baptiser of our Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for us sinners. (x2)

O honoured Saints, Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs, and all the Saints, intercede for us sinners. (x2)

O righteous Fathers, God-mantled Shepherds and Teachers of the universe intercede for us sinners. (x2)

O (*Patron Saint of the Church)*, intercede for us sinners. (x2)

O divine, life-giving, unconquerable and incomprehensible power of the Cross, do not forsake us sinners. (x2)

O God forgive us sinners. (x2)

O God forgive us sinners and have mercy on us.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

(If hymns for a Feast are set, insert now, otherwise the following hymns are chanted.)

(On Monday and Wednesday evenings)

Troparia in Tone Two

Let the light shine in my eyes, O Christ God, so that I do not sleep and drift into death: lest my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O God be a defender of my soul; for I walk in the midst of many snares. Rescue me from them and save me, O Good One, since You are the Lover of mankind.

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Verily, we have no favour, for the multitude of our sins. Therefore, O Virgin, Mother of God, plead with Him who was born of you: for the pleadings of the Mother are indeed effective in seeking the favour of the Master. Turn not away therefore from the pleadings of sinners, O most venerable one; for He who was willing to suffer for our sins is merciful and able to save us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x40) and go to next page
(On Tuesday and Thursday evenings)

Troparia in Tone Eight

O my Lord, you know the sleepless vigilance of my invisible enemies and You have learned, O my Creator, the weakness of my wretched body. Therefore, I entrust my soul to Your hands. Cover me with the wings of Your goodness, so that I do not sleep and drift into death and enlighten the eyes of my spiritual understanding that I may delight in Your divine words, and wake me, in a time acceptable to glorify You in praise, as the only Good One who loves mankind.

Verse: Look upon me and have mercy on me.

How terrible is Your judgement, O Lord, when the angels surround men to herd them before You, and the books are opened, and deeds are exposed, and all thoughts are examined. What judgement will I receive: I am trapped in sins? Who shall quench the flame for me? Who shall enlighten my darkness, if not You, O Lord, who shows mercy to me because of Your love towards mankind?

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Grant me tears, O God, as once You granted the adulterous woman. And make me worthy to wash Your feet which delivered me from the way of error, and to offer to You a fragrant ointment, a pure life, bought with my repentance. And so, I shall hear Your voice saying: “Your faith has saved you, go in peace.”

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O birth-giver of God, because of the unshakeable hope which I have in you, I shall be saved by your intercession. O all-pure one, I will not fear but I will pursue my enemies and destroy them. Clothed with your protection as a shield I cry to you, O Lady: save me by your intercession and raise me up again from dark sleep to glorify you by the might of the Son of God, who is made flesh through you.

People**: Lord, have mercy. (x40) continue here**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, holy Father give the blessing.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

People: Amen.

A prayer of St Basil the Great

Priest: Lord, Lord, deliver us from every arrow which flies by day and save us from every creature which walks in darkness, and accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Grant us that we may pass through the night without sin untempted by evil things and deliver us from all trouble and cowardice brought on by the devil. Grant to our souls contrition and keep our minds alert to the reality of your terrible and just judgment. Pierce our bodies and mortify our earthly members, that in the quietness of sleep, we may be illumined by the vision of Your commandments. Drive from us every evil imagination and harmful passion, and raise us up again at the time of prayer, established in the faith and prospering in Your commandments, through the favour and goodness of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed together with Your All-Holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, our Lord, and our God. *(Short Prostration)*

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, you only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart These, O God, you will not despise.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Psalm 101

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned like a hearth. My heart is stricken and withered like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread. Because of the sound of my groaning my bones cling to my skin. I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. I lie awake and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. My enemies reproach me all day long; Those who deride me swear an oath against me. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away. My days are like a shadow that lengthens, and I wither away like grass. But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favour her, yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones and show favour to her dust. So, the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute and shall not despise their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the Lord viewed the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to release those appointed to death, To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem, When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord. He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days. I said, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are

the same, and Your years will have no end. The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You."

The Prayer of Manasseh, King Of Judah

Priest: O Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, and their righteous seed; Who made heaven and earth, with all the firmament thereof; Who bound the sea by the word of Your commandment; Who shut up the deep and sealed it with Your terrible and glorious Name; Whom all creatures fear, and before Whose power they tremble; for the majesty of Your glory cannot be borne and the anger of Your threatening toward sinners is intolerable; and Your merciful promise is immeasurable and unsearchable; for You are the Lord most high, of great compassion, long-suffering, rich in mercy, and You grieve over the evils of men. You, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your loving-kindness, have promised repentance and forgiveness to those that have sinned against You; and of Your infinite mercies have appointed repentance to sinners, that they may be saved. You, therefore, the Lord God of Hosts, have not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, who have not sinned against You; but You have appointed repentance to me a sinner: for my sins are more in number than the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied, my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands, so that I cannot lift up my head by reason of my sins, neither have I any respite for I have provoked Your wrath and done what is evil in Your sight. I have not done Your will, neither have I kept Your commandments.

The Priest and people now kneel for the remainder of the Prayer of Manasseh.

Now, therefore, I bow the knees of my heart, begging Your grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my iniquities; but I humbly beseech You, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and do not destroy me with my iniquities. Do not be angry with me forever, by reserving my evils for me; neither condemn me to the lower parts of the earth. For You, O God, are the God of those who repent; and in me You will show all Your goodness; and You will save me, unworthy though I be, because of Your great mercy; and I will praise You henceforth all the days of my life. For all the hosts of Heaven sing Your praise, and Yours is the glory to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest and people now rise.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name’s sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Troparia of Contrition in Tone Six

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; For we sinners having no defence, offer this petition to You our Master: Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have put our trust in You. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look upon us in Your loving-kindness, and deliver us from our enemies. For You are our God, and we are Your people; and all of us are the work of Your hands, and we call upon Your Name.

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Open unto us the door of Your loving-kindness, O blessed birth-giver of God because we have set our hope on you. We will not fail, but through You we will be delivered from all adversities, for You are the salvation of all the Christian people.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x40)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, holy Father give the blessing.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

People: Amen.

A Prayer of St. Mardarius The Martyr

Priest: O sovereign Master, God, O Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy on me a sinner; and by means which are known to You, save me, Your unworthy servant; for You are blessed to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. *(Short Prostration)*
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, our Lord, and our God. *(Short Prostration)*

Psalm 69

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned

back because of their shame, who say, “Aha, aha!” Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let God be magnified!” But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore, my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.

Small Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord, King, heavenly God the Father almighty; O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, You that take away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, you that sit at the right hand of the Father; and have mercy on us.

For You alone are Holy, you alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your Name forever and unto the ages of ages.

Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, to You have I fled for refuge; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For in You is the fountain of Life, in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have hoped in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Master, make me to understand Your precepts.

Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me with Your commandments.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever: Despise not the works of Your hands.

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

(Additional prayers or canons can be inserted here. In the first week only of Great Lent, we chant the Great Canon of Repentance by St Andrew of Crete).

The Trisagion Prayers

People:
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

O Lord of Hosts in Tone Six

Refrain: O Lord of Hosts, be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary praise Him in His mighty firmament.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the lute and harp.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise Him with loud cymbals, praise Him with high sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Verse: Praise God in His holiness, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

O Lord of Hosts be with us, for we have no other helper in times of sorrow but You. O Lord of Hosts have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, if we did not have Your saints as our intercessors, and if in Your goodness You did not have mercy on us, how should we dare to praise You, O Saviour, whom the angels glorify unceasingly in song? O You who know our secret hearts, have mercy on our souls.

Both Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Birth-giver of God, my sins have greatly multiplied, and I fled to you, O Pure One, seeking salvation. Visit my weak soul and intercede with your Son and our God that He will grant me forgiveness of the sins which I have committed, O Only-blessed One.

O all-holy Birth-giver of God, forsake me not all the years of my life,
O intercessor for mankind but help me and have mercy on me.

In you I put my whole trust, O Theotokos. Keep me under your protection.

People**: Lord, have mercy. (x40)**

People: At all times and at every hour, You are worshipped and glorified in heaven and on earth, O Christ our God, long-suffering and most merciful and compassionate. You love the righteous and have mercy on sinners, calling all to salvation through the promise of good things to come. At this very hour receive our prayers, O Lord, and guide our life toward Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Surround us with Your holy Angels, so that, guided and guarded by Your heavenly Host, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, holy Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and be merciful to us.

People: Amen

The Prayer of St. Ephraim The Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and vain talk. ***(Full Prostration)***

But bestow upon me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. ***(Full Prostration)***

Yes, my Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and faults and not to judge my brother or sister; for You are blessed to ages of ages. Amen. ***(Full Prostration)***

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos

(Usually read in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Iconostasis)

O all-pure, undefiled, incorrupt, all-chaste, all-blessed Lady, blameless Bride of God, who by your most glorious birth-giving, united the Word of God with man and linked our fallen nature with the heavenly. You are alone the hope of the hopeless, the helper of those attacked, the speedy defender of those who flee to you, and the refuge of all Christians. Do not despise me, I a sinner who is defiled by evil thoughts, words and deeds, and who became slave of life's pleasures. But being Mother of God, the lover of mankind, have mercy in compassion on me, your sinful and prodigal servant.

Accept this prayer which I offer to you from my impure lips, and exercising your maternal favour with your Son, our Lord and Master, intercede with Him to open to me the wings of His love of mankind, His loving-kindness, and bounty.

Beseech Him to disregard my countless transgressions and to lead me back to true repentance, and to make me a keeper and a faithful doer of His commandments. And as you are gracious, compassionate, and tender-hearted, be ever present with me in this life as my Mediatrix and helper, to repel the assaults of my adversaries and to guide me to salvation, and at the hour of departure of my wretched soul, care for me and drive from it the dark form of

evils; and in the dreadful Judgment Day deliver me from everlasting punishments and torments, revealing me as an heir of the unspeakable glory of your Son and our God.

All which I shall obtain, O holy Mother of God, my Lady, through your mediation and intercession. By the grace and compassion of your only begotten Son, our Lord God, and, Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom belong with His eternal Father, and the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit all honour, glory and worship now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

A prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ

(Usually read in front of the icon of Christ at the Iconostasis)

And now as we lay down to sleep, O Master, grant us repose both of body and soul, and preserve us from the dark sleep of sin and from the sensuous pleasure of the dark passions of the night. Still the assaults of passions; quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily directed against us; calm the commotions of our flesh and put away all earthly and material thoughts as we sleep. And grant us, O God, a watchful mind, pure thoughts, a sober heart, and a gentle sleep, free from all the fantasies of Satan.

Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in your commandments, and holding steadfast within ourselves the remembrance of Your judgments. Give us the words of Your glorification, all night long, that we may praise, bless, and glorify Your most honourable and magnificent Name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Theotokos, entrust our prayer to your Son, our God, and implore Him to save our souls through you.

The Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge; the Holy Spirit is my shelter. O Holy Trinity, glory to You.

All my hope I place in you, O Theotokos keep me under the wings of your care.

(During the first week of Great Lent, a reading from the Holy Gospel is read now. Refer to page 38).

The Peace

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady Theotokos, and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the prayers of the bodiless Powers of Heaven; of the honored Prophet and glorious Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of *Saint (Patron Saint*) the patron of this holy church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all Your saints:

Priest: Let our petitions be acceptable to You;

People: Amen.

Priest: Grant us the forgiveness of our sins;

People: Amen.

Priest: Cover us under the shadow of Your wings;

People: Amen.

Priest: Drive far from us all enemies and adversaries;

People: Amen.

Priest: And preserve our lives; O Lord, have mercy on us and on Your world and save our souls; for You are good and the lover of mankind.

People: Amen.

Priest: Forgive me brothers and sisters, I am a sinner

People: May God forgive you, holy Father and forgive us.

Ektenia

The priest recites the following Ektenia, the people respond to each petition with: ***Lord, have mercy***

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

For pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our Father Metropolitan *(Name),* and all our brethren in Christ.

For those who govern this country and our armed forces, that they may govern and serve in righteousness.

For our absent fathers and brethren.

For those who hate us, and those who love us.

For those who are kind to us and those who serve us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them, although we are unworthy.

For the deliverance of captives and their salvation.

For those who travel by sea, by land, and by air.

For those who lie in sick.

Let us pray also for abundance of the fruits of the earth.

For the founders of this Holy Church, and our parents, teachers, and all our fathers gone before us, the Orthodox, who here and everywhere lie asleep in the Lord, let us say for them

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

And have mercy on us and save us for You are a good God and love mankind.
Amen.

(On Monday and Wednesday evenings, the following is chanted.)

Troparion in Tone Two

O righteous one, Mother of the most high God, defend all those who take refuge in faith in your precious protection; for we sinners, weighed down by the multitude of sins, have no other constant intercessor with God in tribulations and sorrows, except you. Therefore, we prostrate before you. So, deliver your servants from every distress.

(On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Great Monday and Great Tuesday the following is chanted.)

Troparion in Tone One

When the Virgin saw You unjustly sacrificed, O Christ, she wailed crying to you: “My most sweet Child, how did You suffer so unjustly? And how were You suspended on a tree, You who suspended the whole earth on the waters? Therefore, I beg You not to leave me alone, I am Your Mother and Your servant, O most merciful Benefactor.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

People: Amen.

The Compline Gospel

(During the first week of Great Lent, the Holy Gospel is read).

Priest: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to Your spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to *(Saint)*

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend!

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Monday night of the first week of Great Lent: Luke 21:8-36

The Lord said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My Name, saying: ‘I am He’, and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore, do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.” Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from Heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My Name’s sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens

will be shaken." Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near". Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So, you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

People: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

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Tuesday night of the first week of Great Lent: Matthew 6:1-13

The Lord said: “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in Heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore, do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

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Wednesday night of the first week of Great Lent: Mark 11:22-26, Matthew 7:7-8

So, Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

The Lord said: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

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Thursday night of the first week of Great Lent: Matthew 7:7-11

The Lord said: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

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Friday night of the first week of Great Lent: John 15:1-7

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

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